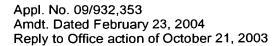
This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

- 1 1-12 (canceled).
- 2 13. (currently amended) An implantable hearing device 3 comprising:
- at least one permanent magnet adapted for being solidly
 attached on a promontory in the area of the middle
 ear; and
- 7 at least one coil <u>separate from said permanent magnet</u>
 8 adapted for placing in the area of the middle ear.
- 1 14. (previously presented) The hearing device of claim 2 13, wherein said coil is adapted for placing in an area of an 3 ossicle chain.
 - 1 15. (previously presented) The hearing device of claim
 - 2 13, wherein said coil is adapted for placing at a tympanic
 - 3 membrane.
 - 1 16. (previously presented) The hearing device of claim
 - 2 13, wherein said coil is adapted for positioning behind a
 - 3 tympanic membrane.
 - 1 17. (currently amended) The hearing device of claim 13,
 - 2 wherein said permanent magnet is radially polarized.
 - 1 18. (previously presented) The hearing device of claim
 - 2 17, wherein said permanent magnet is adapted to be removeably
 - 3 attached to the promontory.
 - 1 19. (previously presented) The hearing device of one

- 2 of claims 13, wherein said permanent magnet is one of a
- 3 circular, oval, square, or rectangular design.
- 1 20. (canceled).
- 1 21. (previously amended) The hearing device of one of
- 2 claims 13-16, wherein said permanent magnet is further adapted
- 3 to be removeably attached to the promontory.
- 1 22. (previously amended) The hearing device of claim 13,
- 2 wherein said coil is further adapted for placing in the middle
- 3 ear.
- 1 23. (previously presented) The hearing device of one
- 2 of claims 13-14, wherein said coil extends in a plain parallel
- 3 to the permanent magnet.
- 1 24. (previously presented) The hearing device of one
- 2 of claims 13-14, wherein said coil extends in a plain
- 3 perpendicular to the permanent magnet.
- 1 25. (previously presented) The hearing device of one
- 2 of claims 13-14, wherein said coil extends in a plain that is
- 3 between 0° and 180° relative to the magnet.
- 1 26. (previously amended) The hearing device of one of
- 2 claims 13-16, wherein said permanent magnet is further adapted
- 3 to be positioned on the promontory in an adjustable fashion.
- 1 27. (previously presented) The hearing device of claim
- 2 \ 26, wherein an air-gap between said permanent magnet and said
- 3 coil can be adjusted by post-implantation adjustment of said
- 4 magnet.
- 1 28. (currently amended) A method for enhancing auditory



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2	capacity by amplifying a natural movement of a vibrating
3	ossicle tract, said method comprising the steps of:
4	converting an acoustic signal into an electrical signal;
5	and
6	converting said electrical signal into a mechanical
7	oscillation of a coil adapted for positioning in a
8	middle ear, wherein said converting said electrical
9	signal into said mechanical oscillation of said coil
10	utilizes a permanent magnet separate from said coil
11	adapted for being solidly attached on a promontory.

1 29. (previously presented) The method of claim 28, 2 wherein said coil is adapted for placing in an area of an 3 ossicle chain.

30. (previously amended) The hearing device of one of claims 13-16 for implementing a method comprising the steps of:

4 converting an acoustic signal into an electrical signal; 5 and

6 converting said electrical signal into a mechanical 7 oscillation of a coil adapted for positioning in a 8 middle ear.

31. (previously amended) The hearing device of claim 26 for implementing a method comprising the steps of:

3 converting an acoustic signal into an electrical signal; 4 and

5 converting said electrical signal into a mechanical 6 oscillation of a coil adapted for positioning in a 7 middle ear.

1 32. (previously amended) The hearing device of claim 27 2 for implementing a method comprising the steps of:

3 converting an acoustic signal into an electrical signal; 4 and converting said electrical signal into a mechanical 5 6 oscillation of a coil adapted for positioning in a 7 middle ear. 1 33. (previously presented) The method of claim 28, 2 wherein said coil is adapted for placing at the tympanic 3 membrane. 1 34-35 (canceled). 1 36 (currently amended) An implantable hearing device 2 comprising: 3 at least one permanent magnet adapted for being removably attached to a promontory in the area of the middle 5 ear; and

- at least one coil separate from said permanent magnet adapted for placing in the area of the middle ear for directly transferring sound vibrations to a component of the middle ear.
- 10 37 (previously presented) The hearing device of claim 36, 11 wherein said coil is adapted for placing in an area of an 12 ossicle chain.
- 1 38. (previously presented) The hearing device of claim 2 36, wherein said coil is adapted for placing at or behind a 3 tympanic membrane.
- 1 39. (previously presented) The hearing device of claim 2 36, wherein an air-gap between said permanent magnet and said 3 coil can be adjusted.

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1 40 (currently amended) An implantable hearing aid
2 comprising:
3 a permanent magnet adapted for being mounted on a
4 promontory in the area of the middle ear; and
5 a coil separate from said permanent magnet adapted for

placing in the middle ear.

- 1 41 (previously presented) The hearing device of claim 40, 2 wherein said coil is adapted for placing in an area of an 3 ossicle chain.
- 1 42. (previously presented) The hearing device of claim
 2 40, wherein said coil is adapted for placing at or behind a
 3 tympanic membrane.
 - 1 43. (previously presented) The hearing device of claim 2 40, wherein an air-gap between said permanent magnet and said 3 coil can be adjusted.
 - 1 44. (previously presented) The hearing device of claim 2 40, wherein said permanent magnet is mounted in an adjustable 3 fashion.